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# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Santa Ana Region

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TO: All Interested Parties

### **REQUEST FOR WATER QUALITY INFORMATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SECTION 303(d) LIST FOR THE SANTA ANA REGION FOR THE YEAR 2001**

On behalf of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board is soliciting data and information regarding water quality conditions in surface waters in this Region. The information gathered will be used in various assessments of the State's waters, including the development of a report to US EPA required by the federal Clean Water Act (Section 303(d)). The report will be developed by the SWRCB and will provide US EPA with a revised list of waters considered by the State to be impaired (not attaining water quality standards) after certain required technology based water quality controls are in place. We anticipate that the report will be provided to US EPA by April 2002, as required by federal regulations. The report will be based on information and data available to the SWRCB and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards. The information gathered by this solicitation will also contribute to the preparation of the 2002 federal Clean Water Act Section 305(b) Report on Water Quality.

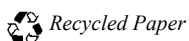
Anyone, including private citizens, public agencies, state and federal governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and businesses, possessing information regarding the quality of the Region's waters is invited to submit information.

We are seeking to obtain all readily available data and assessment information generated since July 1997. For purposes of this solicitation, "information" is any documentation describing the current or anticipated water quality condition of a surface water body. We consider "data" to be a subset of information that consists of reports of measurements of specific environmental characteristics. The data and information may pertain to physical, chemical, and/or biological conditions of the Region's waters or watersheds.

Please include the following with any information you provide:

- The name of the entity or person providing the information.
- Mailing address, phone numbers, and email address for a contact person who can answer questions about any of the information provided.
- Two hard copies and an electronic copy of all information provided. For reports Microsoft Word is the preferred software. Please specify the software used to format the information and provide definitions for any codes or abbreviations used.
- Bibliographic citations for all information provided.
- If computer model outputs are included in the information, please provide bibliographic citations and specify any calibration and quality assurance information available.

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Please include the following with any data you provide:

- Data in electronic form, in a spreadsheet, database or ASCII format. Please specify the format and define any codes or abbreviations used in your database.
- A description of and reference for your quality assurance procedures.
- Metadata for the field data, i.e., when measurements were taken, locations, number of samples, detection limits, etc.
- If possible, two hard copies of the data so that we can verify that we have accurately transferred the data to our database.
- In addition, for data from citizen volunteer water quality monitoring efforts:
  - The name of your group;
  - Indication of any training in water quality assessment completed by members of your group;

We would like to receive data and information as soon as possible, but no later than **May 15, 2001**. Data or information received after May 15, 2001 will not be considered in developing the April 2002 report to US EPA required by Clean Water Act Section 303(d).

The Regional Boards have been requested to provide recommendations to the SWRCB in fall 2001 on the condition of Regional waters. The SWRCB will consider all Regional Boards' recommendations regarding the conditions of the Region's waters when formulating the 303(d) report. The State's report, revising the list of impaired waters, will be considered by the SWRCB in a public process that will be conducted next winter. Opportunities for review and public comment of the proposed report will be announced at a later date.

Please send any information and data you wish to provide to:

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If you have questions regarding information or data you wish to submit, please contact Hope Smythe at (909) 782-4493 ([hsmythe@rb8.swrcb.ca.gov](mailto:hsmythe@rb8.swrcb.ca.gov)) or Pavlova Vitale at (909) 782-4920 ([pvitale@rb8.swrcb.gov](mailto:pvitale@rb8.swrcb.gov)). We look forward to your assistance in this important process.

Sincerely,

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